

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] But it has the further advantage that the angle 34 at which the beam 12a is placed de-emphasizes image lines that are otherwise caused by leading and trailing sides 28 and 30 of the container 16, as well as leading and trailing sides 40 and 42 of cases 34a in the container 16. This reduces the amount of "noise" represented by the image lines 26 in an image signal generated by the X-ray detector 14, which more than compensates for any distortion caused by the angle.